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Samuel T. Dutton, Jackson H. Ralston, Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, Louis P. Lochner, and L. L. Hobbs.

New representative directors present at the meeting were: Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Federal Council of Churches; Mr. George Burnham and Mr. George Herman Borst, Pennsylvania Arbitration and Peace Society. Twenty members of the board were in attendance.

#### Annual Meeting.

The eighty-seventh annual meeting of the society was held at 2.30 p. m. Dr. James Brown Scott, a vice-president, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Levering was asked to act as chairman. Mr. W. W. Thayer was appointed recording secretary. The records of the eighty-sixth annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report, together with that of the auditor, was presented, accepted, and ordered placed on file. The report showed the balance on hand April 30,

1915, to be \$5,410.83.

The annual report of the board of directors to the society, which consisted of the reports of the secretary and executive director, was presented and accepted. It was ordered printed in THE ADVOCATE OF PEACE and

in pamphlet form.

The recommendations forwarded by the board of directors concerning the nomination of officers were read by the secretary of the meeting. Before action was taken the report of the nominating committee was also read. The first recommendation was passed. The second recommendation was amended by substituting the word "secretary" for "executive director," and, the vote being a tie, the matter of the election of a secretary was laid on the table. It was voted that Arthur D. Call should have charge of the office of the society and act as secretary until further action should be taken.

The amendment to the constitution forwarded from the board of directors was adopted. (See above.)

The following resolutions were then adopted:

#### Resolutions.

In the presence of this war, with its unprecedented destruction of human life and treasure; recognizing that its effects must extend to every nation, every home, even unto our children and our children's children for many generations; conscious, as always, that war as a means of settling international disputes is irrational and unnecessary, we would express again the ancient faith of the American Peace Society in a constructive substitute for war in terms of an International Congress and a High Court of Nations.

#### Benjamin F. Trueblood.

#### STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION.

Dr. Trueblood, you have been the honored secretary of our American Peace Society since 1892. Your resignation and retirement after these twenty-three years of distinguished service is not only a source of profound regret to us all, but an event demanding more than the passage of a formal resolution.

Distinguished sir, you brought to this society the ripened experience of two college presidencies and of an extended residence abroad. You have through all of these intervening years given to the work in behalf of international peace an unflagging interest, a width of

vision, and a self-forgetting power and devotion which have commanded the admiration and affection of us all.

It is not necessary to rehearse your achievements; they are history; they have made history. For many years you were the only man in America regularly and exclusively engaged in promoting the cause of international peace. Your strength of character, your mental grasp of great principles, your familiarity with the history of nations, your manly courage, have added greatly to the dignity and promise of the peace movement.

We therefore express to you personally our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the great service you have rendered. We are glad that years of rest and achievement are still before you. Your lucid pen is not lost. Out of the fullness of your wisdom you will still continue to contribute to the upbuilding of our great cause. But, above all, it is a great consolation to us that your pure and transparent life, your infinite labors, your many lessons so wisely taught, will make it impossible for you ever really to depart from us. Friend, we shall hold you affectionately and forever in our hearts.

Voted: That the statement referring to Dr. Trueblood be incorporated in the minutes as the sincere and unanimous expression of us present at this eighty-seventh annual meeting of the American Peace Society.

MAY 7, 1915.

# The Eighty-seventh Annual Report of the Directors of the American Peace Society.

Presented at the Annual Meeting at Washington, D. C., May 7, 1915.

Mr. President and Members of the American Peace Society:

The Directors submit herewith, as the Eighty-seventh Annual Report of the work of the Society and of the general status of the peace movement throughout the world, the special Annual Reports of the Secretary and the Executive Director.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Board of Directors:

The Secretary herewith submits his annual report:

On account of the continued impairment of his health, the Secretary offered his resignation at the December meeting of the Board of Directors, to take effect at the annual meeting in May. The resignation was accepted, and at this time the Secretary closes his service, after twenty-three years of secretarial and editorial work. The resignation is as follows:

"DECEMBER 11, 1914.

"To the Board of Directors of the American Peace Society:

"Dear Friends: Since the serious breakdown of my health a year and a half ago, I had hoped to be able before now fully to take charge again of the general secretaryship and the editorial work of the Society. But in this I have been disappointed. Though my health has much improved, and gives promise of at least a fair degree of re-establishment, I am not yet strong